9: Senfft--13 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 164, 162 Lamotrek

The census showed 68 men, 64 women and 68 children, altogether 200 persons; there had been about six deaths in the course of the year, and as far as can be judged from the description, three died from consumption and two from dysentery. What I saw of diseases there were two people suffering from elephantiasis, one blind man, two persons with eye-diseases (one of which could see only at night), one woman with a saddle-nose and two children with abnormally swollen abdomens; lues and gonorrhea are said not to be existent.

9: Senfft--13 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 167, 731 Lamotrek

This group of islands had formerly had a denser population; a typhoon together with a flood had destroyed almost everything about 60 years ago. A few men who had gone on the six remaining canoes to the Oleai Group at a distance of 150 nautical miles had brought a number of vessels on which the whole population emigrated to the Marianas, Truk, Yap, and other islands. Only after many years part of the population returned.

9: Senfft--13 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 137 Lamotrek

Lamutrik is a typical atoll in the form of an isosceles triangle with the islands Falaite, Puch, and Lamutrik, of which only the latter is inhabited, situated on its three points. It offers a pleasant view with its white sandy shore and a small bay where the German flag can be seen in the background. Coconut palms, breadfruits, pandanus, hibiscus, some curcuma and arrowroot, some Calophyllum, Crataeva speciosa, and Averrhoa carambola trees and taro thriving on marshland, sugar cane and Cyrstosperma edule can be seen growing densely on the island; yams and bamboo are entirely lacking. Fowl and pigs are not very numerous, and the amount of fish in the lagoon has decreased; on the other hand there are many land- and seabirds living in the trees. The cultivation on the other two islands of the atoll is supposed to be the same. Accordingly a plantation of coconut palms on these islands is not possible or at any rate only to a very small extent.

9: Senfft--13 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 132 Lamotrek

Since the last heavy typhoon the island had been only troubled by some more or less violent winds. About the rainfall since 1901 an account had been made and sent to the Foreign Office.

9: Senfft--13
116, 245, 433

(1903) 1904

Woleaians
Lamotrek

The yearly production [MR: of copra] including that of Flato and Satuval amounts to approximately 45 tons. In spite of the assertion of the merchant, who is stationed with the firm of D. D. O'Keefe, that the scale insect disease does not exist on Lamutrik, I noticed a few young palm trees bearing the sign of this sickness. Another enemy of the palm tree are the numerous rats which eat the nuts from the trees. The leaves of the pandanus which have sharp thorns and wind around the palm trees serve as protection. Among the banana trees a disease could also be noticed that probably has its origin in a colorless worm of 1.5 to 2 cm. in length and which is to be found in the roots and the top of the tree. I, therefore, ordered one of my best policemen to take immediate measures for the protection of the plants.

The population is peace-loving and good-natured but indolent.

9: Senfft--13-14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 103, 131 Woleai

Oleai is also an atoll; [14] it consists of 23 islands of which Raur, Palián, Oleai, Máriom, Tagánlap, Séliap, Olemari (Ot'thogan), and Falális are inhabited.

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 165 Woleai

Unfortunately we learned that the population had been lately to a great extent diminished by diseases. According to the chiefs a third of the inhabitants had died in the last few years. The great mortality is in the first place caused by dysentery which is probably due to the excessive consuming of sour toddy (the fermenting juice of the blossoms of the coconut palm); the natives are passionate drinkers of this toddy which they mix with salt water and cook in the hot sun at the beach in order to have it stronger. Sudden deaths occur often; the dying man feels a burning pain which starts in his feet and spreads over the entire body until it reaches the heart. Another malady which is also fatal starts with swellings on the neck and breast. Eye-disease and elephantiasis also occur and I saw a man inflicted with severe paralysis.

9: Senfft--14
116, 433, 477

(1903) 1904

Woleaians
Woleai

Economically the island is taken care of by the firms of D. D. O'Keefe and S. Murayama in Yokohama, who both are in the possession of trade settlements. The yearly production of copra in Oleai together with that of the neighbor island Ifaluk is approximately 90 to 100 tons. In order to prevent unhealthy competition the two firms introduced at my suggestion the same prices for the limited time of three years for the most marketable articles--tobacco and cotton.

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 157, 463 Woleai

The population is peace-loving but is greatly inferior to that of Yap in intelligence, industry and character; they are efficient, though, as canoe constructors, seamen and fishers.

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 162, 145 Woleai

Looking at the statistics of these islands we notice the disproportionately great number of the female population as compared with the male, on the other hand the proportion of children to grown-ups is not unfavorable if we take into consideration that only children up to eight years have been counted. The very low percentage of young girls, though, is conspicuous; girls, who according to their build and expression could not have been more than sixteen years old, already showed traces of age.

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 761, 152 Woleai

As depressing as it is to see a gay people surrounded by graves it impressed me as even worse that they do not seem to realize what death is. They speak with laughter about their dead, with laughter did they show me the hopelessly sick and the efforts of the paralyzed man who was painfully trying to get up with the help of two sticks in order to demonstrate the violent trembling of his sturdy body was accompained by the laughter of the people around him. There is no doubt that this blunt attitude towards death is due to the accumulation of misfortune which these people experience.

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 162 Woleai

A census taken on the islands of the atoll brought the following results:

Island	Men	Women	Children	Total
Olemari	41	40	50	131
Raur	12	10	7	29
Palian	15	20	13	48
Oleai	45	88	50	183
Mariom	5	15	12	32
Taganlap	17	21	14	52
Seliap	26	38	46	110
Falabis	25	40	11	76
Total	186	272	203	661

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 625, 643 Woleai

In the first place I stationed two reliable policemen at the island who can in case of emergency ask three former soldiers living now on the island, for help and who received the order to prevent the drinking of toddy [MR: which he considered a cause of dysentery] and to use force if necessary. The chiefs cannot be relied upon in this respect. Their authority is limited by many considerations and is not greater than that of our village magistrates. There is no chief over the whole group of islands and the above mentioned Follebu in Yap is also the ruler over Oleai.

9: Senfft--14 (1903) 1904 Woleaians
116, 245, 262 Woleai

The cultivation is the same as on Lamutrik, partly more abundant, but here, too, yams and bamboo are lacking. Fowl, pigs and fish are numerous. The islands are planted to the highest density with coconut palms in luscious green. I noticed the disease caused by the presence of the scale insect on only two young palm trees each on the islands of Mariom and Taganlap, but here, too, the greatest damage to the palm trees was wrought by rats.